

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF CHARLES W.
MEYERS, SR.

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Charles W. Meyers, Sr., a much beloved San Francisco community leader and public servant, who passed away on September 12. Charlie enthusiastically gave his energy in service of the city and the country he loved. He will be remembered for his big heart, generous spirit, and the unwavering devotion of his friendship.

A proud native son of San Francisco, Charlie discovered his passion for public service early in life. After enlisting in the U.S. Army and serving in World War II, he was elected to the State Assembly as a 28 year old—making him one of the youngest members of the legislature at the time.

As an Assemblyman for the next 22 years, Charlie vigorously sought to improve employer-employee relations. He is an author of the Meyers-Millas-Brown Act, which still stands as the state law regulating employee relations in the public sector.

Charlie's involvement in San Francisco life, however, went far beyond his work in the state legislature. He was a valued member and active supporter of many organizations, including the San Francisco Forum, Knights of Columbus, Disabled American Veterans, and the United Irish Cultural Center. In 2007, he was honored for his work in public service by his alma mater, the University of San Francisco.

San Franciscans have lost a beloved friend. I hope it is a comfort to his beloved wife Alene, his children Charlene Hansen, Chip Meyers, and Gerri Brown, and his many grandchildren that many San Franciscans join them in mourning his passing.

HONORING AMERICAN TROOPS
WHO DIED ON D-DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res 1251, which recognizes and honors the United States troops who fought and died on D-day at the Battle of Normandy.

On June 6, 1944, the Western Allies landed in Northern France and opened up a major military offensive against the Nazi German forces. After 5 years of worldwide warfare, the Normandy invasion proved to be a critical turning point in pushing the United States and its allied forces to victory. D-day remains one of the greatest beach landings in world history, involving nearly 3 million troops crossing the

English Channel from England to Normandy in occupied France. The collective cost to the United States was terribly high, including more than 29,000 killed and 106,000 wounded and missing.

As a Member of Congress and the daughter of a World War II veteran, I believe I have a duty to honor the men and women who courageously served our country and gave their lives at the Battle of Normandy. Earlier this summer, I had the privilege of visiting the Battle of Normandy Memorial Museum during a congressional delegation and was able to get an up-close look at the strength and resilience of the Americans who served in the United States armed forces during the invasion of Normandy.

Our country owes all veterans of this conflict a great debt for their service.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
MR. RONALD TAYLOR

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Ronald Taylor, a devoted father, grandfather, mentor, friend, entrepreneur, and United States Veteran, whose joyous life continues to be focused on family, faith, and service to community.

Born in Wichita, Kansas on February 10, 1930, Mr. Taylor was the only child of parents Russell and Mildred Taylor. He moved frequently with his family until settling in Cleveland, Ohio. His parents taught him the importance of hard work, family and faith. They guided him toward a solid education and supported all of his athletic endeavors. While attending Central High School in Cleveland, Mr. Taylor excelled in athletics and broke Jesse Owens' high jump record. Mr. Taylor's record still stands today. He continues to use the experiences of his youth to teach and guide his own children and grandchildren.

Mr. Taylor blazed a path of independence and achievement. He attained the level of Eagle Scout, only the second African American in Ohio to do so at the time. While attending Miami University of Ohio, he was a member of the U.S. Air Force ROTC. He was drafted into the U.S. Army, and served honorably during WWII. He later continued his studies and became an attorney and real estate broker. He owned several successful law, tax and real estate businesses in Chicago, Cleveland and Las Vegas. He continues to run a successful law practice, Ron Taylor & Associates, in Oak Park, Illinois.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Ronald Taylor, who continues to serve as a leader and the foundation of his family. Mr. Taylor will join this Labor Day weekend with his children, Kevin, Rennie, Reginald, Leah, Michael, Ron Taylor, Jr., Ron II, Ronnetta, and Robin; his

grandchildren; and his extended family to celebrate faith, family and tradition. Mr. Taylor continues to be a source of strength and inspiration to his family and friends, and I wish him and the entire Taylor family continued blessings of peace and joy.

TRIBUTE TO PHIL GOLDING

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Phil Golding, a World War II Army veteran from Boone County, Iowa, and to express my appreciation for his dedication and commitment to his country.

The Boone News Republican is currently running a series of articles that honors one Boone County veteran every Tuesday from Memorial Day to Veterans Day. Phil Golding was recognized on Tuesday, August 24. Below is the article in its entirety:

BOONE COUNTY VETERANS: PHIL GOLDING
(By Alexander Hutchins)

Not all military experiences are life-changing tales, fraught with peril and excitement. For former Boone County resident Phil Golding, his experiences in the military were rather mundane.

He was never shot at, "to my knowledge," he said. He never received, nor wanted, a Purple Heart. A Boone resident for nearly 50 years, Golding, however, recalls his times in the United States Army with fond memories, with his three most volatile army jobs being battery clerk, gas truck driver and ammo truck driver.

Golding was inducted into the U.S. Army at Camp Dodge from Glidden, Iowa, in Carroll County, assigned to active duty on July 3, 1943, "policing the camp grounds for cigarette butts" prior to the crowds of visitors swarming into the area.

"I was given a G.I. haircut, clothes and equipment, then sent to a tank destroyer facility at Camp Hood, Texas, for four months of infantry basic training before spending 4½ months on campus at the University of Illinois in the Army Specialized Training Program ostensibly to be an engineer," Golding recalled. "This changed when the war in Africa, Italy and Europe called for fresh blood."

Golding, along with hundreds of other "non-essentials," as he referred to himself, were transported by troop train to the Eighth Armored Division at Camp Polk, La.

Before long, they would be replacing armored units in combat zones, but first there were inspections.

"We spent the hot summer of 1944 being inspected to death before the Germans got a shot at us," Golding said. "We boarded a troop ship in early fall. Somewhere, mid-Atlantic, a couple hundred of us below deck playing cards, writing home or reading, when something big banged hard against the bulkhead only a few feet away! We never knew what, but one officer didn't wait to panic, he went bananas, bounding up the stairway shouting, 'Don't panic . . . let me outta here! Let me outta here!'"

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